

## Texas Military Department News

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

Media is invited to cover the redeployment ceremony at Brookhaven Community College in Farmers Branch, Texas on Saturday, June 10, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. and must arrive no later than 3:30 p.m. to allow for parking and coordination. Leadership and Soldiers from the company will be available for interviews following the ceremony.

Members of the media are required to RSVP no later than Saturday, June 10, 2017, by 11:00 a.m. with the 176th Engineer Brigade Public Affairs Office at 210-649-8452 or via email at <a href="maria.e.mengrone.mil@mail.mil">maria.e.mengrone.mil@mail.mil</a>. Media will be required to show credentials.

Brookhaven Community College is located at 3939 Valley View Ln, Farmers Branch, TX 75244

## FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLIC RELEASE:

## **Texas Guard Engineers Conduct Redeployment Ceremony**

**AUSTIN, Texas (June 8, 2017)** –The Texas Army National Guard will conduct a redeployment ceremony, on Saturday, June 10, 2017 at 4 p.m., signifying the official return of guardsmen of the Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the 176th Engineer Brigade. The redeployment ceremony will be held at Brookhaven Community College in Farmers Branch, Texas.

The Grand Prairie-based 176th Engineer Brigade Headquarters falls under the Domestic Operations Task Force of the Texas Military Department, headquartered in Austin. The unit completed a historic nine-month deployment to the Middle East in support of Operations Spartan Shield, Inherent Resolve and Freedom's Sentinel. While deployed, the brigade's mission was to provide engineer support and capabilities to maneuver units across the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.

The Texas-based element provided command and control for about 1,600 Soldiers from a variety of Active Duty, National Guard and Army Reserve engineer elements. The brigade's footprint spread across 30 locations in eight nations throughout the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.

The unit formed Task Force Chaos and its engineers completed more than 300 troop labor construction projects and finished more than 2,400 work orders totaling in excess of \$46 million in force protection, life health safety and quality of life efforts.

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While deployed, the engineers assigned to Task Force Chaos provided critical capabilities through vertical and horizontal construction, fixed bridging and geospatial capabilities. The 176th Engineer Brigade's successful completion of mission set the stage for all follow-on engineer brigades.

The brigade headquarters is made up of approximately 135 Soldiers from throughout Texas, with most calling the greater Dallas-Fort Worth area home.

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The mission of the Texas Military Department (TMD) is to provide the Governor and the President with ready and trained forces in support of the citizens of Texas and State and Federal civil/military authorities at home and abroad.

The Texas Military Department is commanded by the Adjutant General of Texas, the state's senior military official appointed by the governor, and is comprised of the Texas Military Department (formerly the Adjutant General's Department), the Texas Army National Guard (TXANG), the Texas State Guard (TXSG) and the Domestic Operations Command (DOMOPS).

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